sanction of funds for construction of model Anganwadi building pending with the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Government of India has sanctioned, in the year 2003, construction of 650 Model Anganwadi Centre Buildings to the State of Karnataka with Rs. 6.09 crore as Government of India contribution. A sum of Rs. 5.00 crore has already been released to the State Government. The State Government has requested for release of the balance amount of Rs. 1.09 crore which would be considered after additional funds become available under the relevant budget head.

Setting up BCRA Bill

1269. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state by when the Bill relating to setting up Broadcasting Content Regulatory Authority is likely to be brought up before the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): Government is contemplating setting up of Broadcasting Content Regulatory Authority. The details are being worked out. As such, no time-frame can be indicated.

Levy carrier charges from private channels under DTH

1270. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prasar Bharati proposes to levy carrier charges on private channels beamed under its DTH bouquet;

(b) whether Prasar Bharati has earlier proposed carriage fee of Rs. 75.00 lakhs from the private channels during the launch of the DTH service and later waived off the same due to resistance from the private channels; and

(c) whether Prasar Bharati anticipates good response from the private channels on the issue of carriage fee, due to increasing number of DTH installations all over the country?